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Document(s) Transmitted: A Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment (2 pgs); Copies of the Communication Re: Missing Parts (1 pg), Petition for an additional One-Month Extension of Time (1 pg), the Notice to File Missing Parts (1 pg) and the signed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (4 pgs) all previously submitted on April 23, 2001, and the returned postcard (1 pg); and The Notice of Abandonment (1 pg).

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In re. Patent Application of: Bruce Tockman et al.Examiner: Jeffrey R. JastrzabSerial No.: 09/630,000Group Art Unit: 3762Filed: August 1, 2000Docket No.: 279.246US1Title: LEAD HAVING VARYING STIFFNESS AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THEREOF

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Title: LEAD HAVING VARYING STIFFNESS AND METHOD OF
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In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts" (see enclosed copy), we submit the signed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney along with a check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the large entity surcharge and a check in the amount of \$1,266.00 to cover the large entity basic filing fee.

Applicants assume the application is now in proper order and in condition for examination. Please direct any inquiries to the undersigned attorney at (612) 373-6912.

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Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.63(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.138(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing. *22 NOV. 2000 & 22 APR. 2001*
Applicant must submit \$ 600 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$552.
 - \$396 for 22 total claims over 20.
 - \$156 for 2 independent claims over 3.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1372.

A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.

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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

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Receipt is hereby acknowledged for the following in the United States Patent and Trademark Office:

In re application of Bruce Tockman et al.

Serial No. 09/630,000

Filed: August 1, 2000

Title:

LEAD HAVING VARYING STRENGTH AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THEREOF



CONTENTS: Notice to File Missing Parts (1 pg.), Communication Re: Missing Parts (1 pg.), signed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (4 pgs.), Petition for Extension of Time (1 pg.), a check in the amount of \$500.00 to cover the Extension of Time Fee, check in the amount of \$130.00 which represents the Missing Parts Fee, check in the amount of \$1,266.00 which represents the base Filing Fee and transmittal document (1 pg.).

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NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.53 (f) OR (g)

The above-identified application is abandoned for failure to timely or properly reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed on 09/22/2000.

- The retention fee of \$130 was received.

A petition to the Commissioner under 37 CFR 1.137 may be filed requesting that the application be revived.

Under 37 CFR 1.137(a), a petition requesting the application be revived on the grounds of **UNAVOIDABLE DELAY** must be filed promptly after the applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied by: (1) an adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay; (2) the required reply to the above-identified Notice; (3) the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(l); and (4) a terminal disclaimer if required by 37 CFR 1.137(c).

Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), a petition requesting the application be revived on the grounds of **UNINTENTIONAL DELAY** must be filed promptly after applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied by: (1) a statement that the entire delay was unintentional; (2) the required reply to the above-identified Notice; (3) the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); and (4) a terminal disclaimer if required by 37 CFR 1.137(c).

Any questions concerning petitions to revive should be directed to "Office of Petitions" at (703) 305-9282.

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